House District 31 Representative

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OCCUPATION: Teacher

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 47 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Lifelong Fairbanks resident

EDUCATION:

Bachelors of Ed. - UAF, Masters of Ed. - Lesley University

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Teacher, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District; UAF - Summer Sessions Educator; Educator at a camp for kids who are in the foster care system; Consultant for Molly of Denali, WGBH/PBS

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Association of Interior Educators

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Running, hiking, x-c skiing, snowboarding

OTHER:

I was raised in Fairbanks and attended public schools here. I am Koyukon Athabascan with deep roots in Alaska. I have been a teacher in Fairbanks for the past 21 years, and because of this, I know many of you personally. I married my husband John, a smoke jumper, 25 years ago and we have raised a family that includes two great kids. I truly care about the families of Fairbanks.

STATEMENT:

Fairbanks is my lifelong home, and I want my kids to love it too. As a classroom teacher, I have worked with hundreds of Fairbanks families. I can no longer stand by and watch our schools and our community get shortchanged by the political fighting in Juneau.

As a legislator I will be guided by one question: what is best for Fairbanks? I will take a moderate approach and work with anyone willing to deliver real solutions.

My priorities:

- Invest in UAF as a core economic driver of our community, provide certainty for educators by forward funding education, and boost educational outcomes with universal access to Pre-K.
- Support responsible resource development, and work to lower costs for businesses and families by supporting efforts to bring natural gas and alternative energy to Fairbanks.
- Work to protect the Permanent Fund with strong dividends that can be maintained far into the future and provide predictability and certainty by removing the PFD from the hands of politicians.
- Address the State's structural deficit to avoid costs being pushed to Fairbanks property taxpayers.

Fairbanks should and can be a place where all families have access to affordable childcare without needing to worry about crippling medical bills. It should be a place where snow is removed from our roads quickly, and parks and trails are maintained as a core part of our way of life. I would consider it a great honor to be your voice in Juneau.

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